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NBA Player Arrested on Handgun Charge

Howard County Police arrested Los Angeles Clippers player Chris Wilcox early this morning after discovering a gun in his car during a traffic stop.

A Howard County police officer saw a silver BMW weaving on southbound Rt. 29 in Columbia around 1 a.m. The officer stopped the car and a K-9 team in the area responded to assist. The K-9 team conducted a scan and alerted on the car. The officer asked Wilcox if there was anything inside the vehicle that would cause the dog to react. Wilcox told the officer that there was a gun inside.

The officer searched the car and discovered a .357 revolver in a pocket behind the front passenger seat. The officer checked the weapon and found one spent casing inside. Wilcox could not provide documentation that the gun belonged to him or that he had a permit to carry the weapon. The search also revealed live ammunition and two spent shell casings inside the car. It is unknown when those bullets were fired.

Wilcox, 22, of Laurel, Md., was charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle. He was released by a court commissioner today on his own recognizance. A passenger inside the car at the time of the stop was not charged.

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